## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Patent Application of                       | MAIL STOP AMENDMENT             |
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| Toshihiro Hanada                                  | Group Art Unit: 3753            |
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| Filed: August 1, 2006                             | Confirmation No.: 3679          |
| For: VALVE AND FLUID SYSTEM HAVING THAT VALVE ) ) |                                 |

## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2008, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: